When I began thinking about what to share in this space nothing jumped out and caught my imagination. However, when I started to put some more thought into what to share I was reminded of all the positive actives happening in the district in the next few weeks and months.

One of the first things that came to mind was the **Pastor's Retreat**, “Move in Our Midst,” May 6 – 7, at **Camp Harmony**. Pastors from across the district will gather to be challenged, encouraged, and blessed by a deeper understanding of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. This retreat will be followed-up with an event in the fall for lay leadership which will provide inspiration and encouragement for congregational leaders to discover again the power of prayer and working together to provide effective ministry in their communities.

A “**Deacon Workshop,”** will be held in the Greensburg Church of the Brethren on **Sunday afternoon, May 15, beginning at 3:00 pm**. Deacons from across the district are invited to come and learn about the value and importance of deacon ministry in the local congregation. I believe this workshop will be especially valuable for newly called deacons. You will learn about resources that can strengthen your local ministry and how other deacon ministries are effectively involved in their faith community. Brother Bob Stein and I will be giving leadership for this gathering of deacons.

**Delegates going to Annual Conference will want to attend the Annual Conference Briefing, on June 5, at 3:00 pm.** The briefing will be held in Windber Church of the Brethren. Moderator Andy Murray will be present to talk about the conference theme, items of business, and several events being planned for those attending conference this year.

I will invite you to put the three items mentioned above on your daily prayer list. Pray for those giving leadership that the Holy Spirit will guide and help them share positive information for spiritual growth. May those attending be renewed and challenged to a new level of commitment and involvement in their spiritual journey. My prayer for every congregation in the Western PA District is to be open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as we worship and serve together. I’m inviting you to join me in praying that special days coming: Mother’s Day, Pentecost, Memorial Day, Graduation, and Father’s Day provide opportunities to invite family and friends to worship and celebrate with you.

RDB
**District Office News**

**LEADERSHIP - Pastors**
- Dale Leverknight - full-time, Montgomery
- Frank Young - resigned, Tire Hill

**HOSPITALIZED**
- Please continue to pray for **Pastor Isaac Baldeo** as he was in the hospital.

**SYMPATHY**
- To the family of **Ernest Crummett** who passed away on April 11, 2016. Ernie was a long time member and leader at the Sugar Grove Church of the Brethren.
- To pastor **Farrel Abraham** and his wife **Debby** who tragically lost 5 members of their family in a fire in April.

**2016 DISTRICT DIRECTORY**
The 2016 District Directory is complete and an updated copy was emailed to the Pastors and Church Contacts on **March 21, 2016**.

If you would like a paper copy or a CD, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 or email Tina Lehman at tlehman@brethren.org.

**NEW MEMBERS**

- **Geiger Congregation**
  - Shawn Russ

- **Ligonier First Congregation**
  - Edith Grace Hay
  - Janice Ruth Smithley
  - Joseph Rosey

- **Maple Spring Congregation**
  - Joy Miller
  - Jack & Sally Strait
  - Amy Conrad
  - Ethan Hoffman
  - Kate Martin
  - Casadie Miller
  - Nathan Niovich

- **Meyersdale Congregation**
  - Michael Streng
  - Samantha Schardt
  - Alexander Kirchner
  - Brennan Campbell
  - Lauren Kretchman
  - Rhett Weaver
  - Rylee Weaver
  - Travis Schardt
  - Terri Walker

- **Pleasant Hill Congregation**
  - Renee Moschgat
  - Noah Moschgat
  - Alexa Taylor
  - Emily Chernay
  - Becky Bauer
  - Eric Rhodes
  - Bob Kasisky
  - Maureen Kasisky
  - Kelly Roberts
  - Angela McKendree
  - Holly Rolt
  - Darlene Lambert
  - Bob Hay
  - Randy Knupp

- **Windber Congregation**
  - Larry Weaver Sr.
  - Louise Weaver
  - Chris Woy
  - Dru Woy

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**June 2016 Highlights Deadline**

**May 10, 2016**

Please send all Highlights information to the District Office for
AbbsTract May 2016

Take a recent college grad with no ambition to use her degree, allow her a summer to sit around watching The Golden Girls and bemoaning her seemingly wasted education, then suggest she enroll in the Susquehanna Valley Ministry Course. This is what my mother did for me eleven years ago. The last thing I wanted to do was to go back to school. After four years of serious academics at Grove City College, my brain was tired, at best. Add to that my utter discouragement. I had majored in History, with a focus in Secondary Education, and had repeatedly ignored God’s faithful attempts to change my direction. He knew the plans He had for me, and I stubbornly pushed ahead with what I thought I wanted to do. By the spring of my senior year, I finally started to pay attention and realize that nothing in me wanted to teach history to high school kids. So now I said, “If nothing else, you’ll learn more about Scripture and how to minister to people.” That’s what I was afraid of. A few years before, she had started taking classes with SVMC Center), just to learn more about our faith. It wasn’t long after when she stepped into the role as interim pastor at full-time, permanent pastorate. She’s still there! There was no way I was going to get myself into that situation.

My first SVMC class, “Survey of the New Testament,” began in August and was review for me, but I that I was encouraged to enroll in the next course, “Theology.” By this time, I was sold. Yes, I every fall and every spring, but those days. I had a renewed purpose in my life. The receptionist job that I took to pay the bills wasn’t satisfying to me, but working through these classes provided the challenges and solid relationships I needed to get back on track. I was studying my First Love, under the guidance and wisdom of people I respected. I was reading again, but instead of dozing over books about American Populism in the 1890’s, I was studying God’s Word and seeking to apply His truth more fully to my life. I was writing again – not about European conquest or Chinese imperialism, but about Philippians and Colossians and amazing grace.

At District Conference in 2011, I received my certificate for completing the program. Yes, it took me longer than it should have, but I finished! I want to encourage you, yes YOU, to think about enrolling, even if you just take a class here and there. You’ll learn something and you’ll contribute something, I guarantee it!

2 Timothy 2:15

:) Abby
Local Church/District News

Move in Our Midst

Pastor’s Retreat
May 6 - 7, 2016
Friday 4:00 pm to Saturday 3:00 pm
at Camp Harmony
The facilitators of the conference want to bring personal and community transformation to the nations. There is no cost to attend and attendees will receive .5 C.E.U credit.

Friday dinner, Saturday Breakfast and lunch included. Pastors will receive additional information via mail in the coming weeks.

"Come to relax, be renewed, and recharged"

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 28, 2016
4:00 pm to ?
Shade Creek/Ridge Church of the Brethren
1623 Ridge Road, Hooversville
Benefits the El Hogar De Niños Emmanuel Orphanage in Honduras

Deacon Workshop

Greensburg COB
Sunday, May 15, 2016
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm
This workshop will provide training, resources, and support for those called to the “set-apart” Deacon Ministry. Come prepared to listen, share, and learn how to be more effective in your ministry function as a deacon in the life of your home congregation.

.2 CEU credits are available to pastors
If you would like to attend, please contact the District Office at 814-479-2181 by May 10, 2016.

DISTRICT WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, June 9, 2016—Camp Day at Camp Harmony
Summer Tea—Date and location to be Announced
Thursday, October 6, 2016—Home Day at the Brethren Home Community Windber
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Volunteers Needed

The Outreach and Service Team of the District Leadership Team is still looking for volunteer(s) to be the Western PA District Brethren Heritage and Peace Representative

Responsibilities include:
1. Help promote peace education by interacting with individuals, pastors, and congregations:
2. Share peace education materials and instruction with the youth in our District by meeting with youth groups, camp groups at Camp Harmony, and other group settings arranged by the District Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator
3. Work with the District Outreach and Service Team in any way that the Team can help the representative with the above responsibilities
4. Report annually to the District Outreach and Service Team as to the work that has been accomplished in a given year.

Please contact Pastor Bill Wenger at 814-539-7807 or pastormcob@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving.

Brethren Bible Institute
Summer Term - July 25-29, 2016
Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown PA

BBI is intended to provide systematic instruction in the Bible for any person 16 years of age or older. Students may take one, two, or three courses, the cost is the same regardless of how many courses are taken. It is expected that dorm students take at least 3 classes, unless special arrangements have been made with the principal prior to the opening of the institute. Students will meet for chapel each morning at 8:10 am with classes to follow. Classes meet every day, Monday through Friday. Each class is 1 1/2 hours in length.

Total cost for dormitory students (including room/board/tuition) is $250.00 for the week. The cost for commuting students is $100.00. CEU credit is available.

For application forms, please write to:
Brethren Bible Institute
155 Denver Road
Denver, PA 17517

Your application process must be completed by June 25, 2016.

Pray

For our nation
For our community
For our churches
For our families

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all for the glory of God

150th Annual District Conference
October 15, 2016
Camp Harmony

Mark your calendars! More info to come.

The Program and Arrangements Committee is looking for pictures, artifacts, and information from the last 150 years of District Conference to display during the day of Conference.

If you have anything that could be displayed, please contact Tina at the District Office, 814-479-2181.

Help us celebrate the past while we look forward to the future...All for the Glory of God!

Photo: Brethren Historical Library and Archives

B-D-M
Needs Your Help!

Brethren Disaster Ministries needs your help. If you are interested in being a part of future mission trips please contact Herb Ewald for more information at 814-539-8530 or hjewald@atlanticbb.net

Other than the day trips to New Windsor all weeklong trips will be announced as the information becomes available.

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THANK YOU

This month, please be in prayer for:

Our Church Leaders
God Stories

Hey! We’re on our way!

Progress continues to be made on our book full of “God stories,” and we very much plan to have copies for sale at District Conference this year!

Please keep your eyes peeled for further information, as well as a chance to pre-order as many copies as you want. Remember, these are REAL stories from REAL people in our Western PA District!

Authors included in this book:

This is only a partial list – the ones I’ve processed so far. If you have a story of God’s faithfulness that you’d like to share, please contact me today at wpadistrictyouth@gmail.com for guidelines.

Thanks! ...Abby Shaffer – on behalf of the Spiritual Formation Team

Church Planting Conference
May 19 - 21, 2016
Bethany Theological Seminary
Richmond, Indiana

This year’s conference will focus on how **hope, mission and imagination** give rise to new mission communities, transformative churches, and vital congregations.

Registration fee is $129.00 for the 3 day conference. Attendees are responsible for their own housing. Rooms are available at reduced rates, but reservations must be made directly with the hotel. **Information is on the website.**

Register today at [www.brethren.org/churchplanting/events.html](http://www.brethren.org/churchplanting/events.html).
Denominational News

go to www.brethren.org for the most complete and up to date news from the Church of the Brethren

2016 Annual Conference
Greensboro, NC
Koury Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel

Both delegate and non-delegate registrations are open at this time.

Anyone with questions can contact the Conference Office by calling 800-323-8039, ext. 365. Or email at annualconference@brethren.org.
Stay posted for more details!

National Young Adult Conference
May 27 - 30, 2016
"Creating Harmony" Colossians 3:12-17

National Young Adult Conference (NYAC) offers people ages 18-35 the chance to worship and fellowship for four days on the campus of Manchester University in Indiana.

For more information, please contact the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office (800) 323-8039, ext. 385 or COBYouth@brethren.org

Please continue to pray for the situation in Nigeria. Remember them daily as we all pray for peace to come to that devastated region. Visit www.brethren.org for more information.

ARE YOU A DR, NURSE PRACTITIONER, RN, LPN, OR EMT?

The First Aid Office at Annual Conference in Greensboro is looking for DR’s, RN’s, LPN’s and EMT’s who would be willing to volunteer a few hours during Annual Conference this summer. Jane Laprade is coordinating the First Aid Office at Annual Conference and would be glad to hear from willing volunteers! Please contact her at: d.laprade@b2xonline.com

Help Needed at Annual Conference:
We are in need of volunteers to serve as Floor Tellers during the business sessions of Annual Conference. Delegates and Non-delegates alike can volunteer for this position. The Tellers see that all printed information is provided to the delegates so that they can fulfill their responsibility. Any standing vote count is also handled by the Tellers. If you are willing to serve, or know of someone who is, please contact Mark Liller (Head Teller) at mwli1er@gmail.com or 814-695-3979.

Job Openings: If you are interested in job opportunities through the Church of the Brethren, open positions can be found at http://www.brethren.org/about/employment.html
Global Mission Prayer Guide

Nigeria
Pray for Carol and Norm Waggy who are serving with Ekklesiyar Yan‘uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) for several months as part of the Nigeria Crisis Response. Among other activities, Carol is preaching in EYN congregations and Norm is teaching a refresher course for dispensers and supervisors of EYN’s Rural Health Program dispensaries. Pray for God’s presence in these activities and for Carol and Norm’s health and safety.

**As April 14 marks the second anniversary of the abduction of 276 young women from their school in Chibok, pray for the families who still have no word on their daughters’ fates. Pray for all the families in northeast Nigeria whose loved ones have been abducted.

United States
Pray for potential volunteers of Children’s Disaster Services. The training is being hosted by the LaVerne (Calif.) Church of the Brethren. Pray for hearts opened and minds equipped to care for children affected by natural disaster.

African Great Lakes Region
Give thanks for the completed program evaluations of the agricultural projects supported by Global Food Crisis Fund and led by Church of the Brethren partners in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. Positive findings include increased harvests, participants who can now afford to send their children to school, and signs of cooperation between ethnic groups. Pray that these evaluations prove fruitful in the long-term planning and implementation of these agricultural and development projects.

North Korea
Celebrate the graduation of 105 students from Pyongyang University of Science and Technology (PUST). This is the university’s third graduation since opening six years ago. Of the six postgraduate students receiving Master of Science degrees, three have worked in the School of Agriculture under the direction of Robert Shank. Robert and Linda Shank have worked as Church of the Brethren volunteers at PUST since the university’s opening, serving as dean of the School of Agriculture and English instructor, respectively.
AVAILABLE SPEAKERS LIST

May 2016

ORDAINED

ABRAHAM, FARREL - 4315 Seton Dr, Pittsburgh, 15227-1245 - 412-979-0067
BALDEO, ISAAC - 4555 Glen Eden Rd, Cranberry Twp, 16066-3001 - 724 452-0923
BAUGHMAN, CARL L. - 130 Homewood Dr, Butler, 16001-1960 - 724 283-1051
BERKEBILE, WES J. - 4285 State Route 208, New Wilmington, 16142 - 724-901-7058
BROADWATER, KEVIN L. - 475 Keystone St, Meyersdale, 15552-6943 - 814 442-5684
CABLE, VINCENT E. - 344 Hopwood-Fairchance Rd, Uniontown, 15401 - 724-438-4254
CRABLE, DAVID E. - 23 S. Water St, Masontown, 15461-2151
CHRISTNER, JAY L. - 313 N. Edgewood Ave, Somerset, 15501-1355 - 814-445-4223
DEFFENBAUGH, BARRON K. - 207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904 - 814 266-9758
EASH, JOHN E. - 131 Friendship Ln, Hollsopple, 15935-6732 - 814 629-0206
FORY, ROGER L. - 341 Lincoln St, Somerset, 15501-1308 - 814 443-2979
GREW, DOTTIE H. - 509 Sherman St, Meyersdale, 15552-1239 - 814 634-5329
HAY, CHARLES R. - 1127 E Main St, Berlin, 15530-1428-814 267-3205
HIRONIMUS, BERTHA - 142 Bent Tree Hill, Ligonier, 15658-3202 - 724 238-3984
HOUGHTON, JAMES E. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
HOUGHTON, SALLY M. - 124 Lindberg Ave, Johnstown, 15905-3019 - 814 255-2431
Kabler, ERIC P. - 126 Clermont St, Johnstown 15904-2132 - 814 266-2734
KENSINGER, JAMES M. - 329 Spackman St, Seward, 15954-3117 - 814 446-1088
LONGWELL, ERIC M. - 240 Plumcreek Rd, Shelocta, 15774-724 599-8690
MANGES, JOHN W. - 137 Catskill Ln, Johnstown, 15904-7523
MARSALL, HOMER H. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 - 724 583-7073
MARSALL, PATRICIA M. - 369 W Church Ave, Masontown, 15461-1651 - 724 583-7073
MOORE, EDWIN E., JR. - 107 Sabra Court, Uniontown, 15401-9729 - 724 970-2505
PETEINER, SANDRA M. - 110 Windy Ridge Ln, Apt 3, Shelocta, 15774 - 724 354-6026
REININGER, LINDA L. - 229 Davis St, Johnstown, 15906-1517 - 814 539-1345
RUMMEL, DALE E. - 6171 Greenville Pike, Grampian, 15666-1959 - 732 319-0099
RUPERT, JACK - 409 State St, Johnstown, 15905-2642 - 814 322-7786 New Day - 814 535-8202
SHaffer, JUDITH A. - PO Box 319, Donegal, 15628-0319 - 724 516-9191
SHAULIS, M. ERIC - 25 Sixth Ave, Meyersdale, 15552-1444 - 814 634-8740
SMITH, A. HARRISON - 506 Scandrew Rd, Greensburg, 15601- 724 837-4491
STEIN, ROBERT R. - PO Box 375, Chalk Hill, 15421-0375 - 724 438-2226
SWICK, MICHAEL R. - 4127 Greenville Rd, Meyersdale 15552-8518 - 814 634-8158
WALKER, JUDY M. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WALKER, LARRY E. - 425 Morningside Ave, Jeannette 15644 - 724 522-5260
WHIPPLE, CHARLES D. - 317 Wyoming St, Greensburg, 15601-3947 - 724 600-6332
WESTLAKE, ELVA JEAN - 436 Pony Farm Rd, Kittanning, 16201-4639-724 548-4901
WILLOUGHBY, CAROLYN S.-207 Churchill St, Johnstown, 15904-814 266-9758

LICENSED

DERCK, JOE E. - 3089 Dutch Run Rd, Shelocta, 15774-2224 - 724 354-3386
DERMER, JOAN - 3062 Hyndman Rd, Hyndman, 15545 - 814 842-6489
HILER, GARY W. - 228 Baltzer Bridge Rd, Friedens, 15541-6320 - 814 267-6722
ISHMAN, DANIEL R. - 116 Todd Rd, Freeport, 16229 - 724 525-2901
MARSZALEK, CHERYL A. - 409 Herman Ave, Wilmerding, 15148-1206 - 412 551-6422
SHAFFER, ABBY R. - (office) 115 Spring Rd, Hollsopple, 15935-7412 - 814 479-2181
THOMAS, SCOTT R. - 2996 Carpenters Park Rd, Davidsville, 15928 - 814 288-2094
YOST, ERIC W. - 1009 First Street, Windber, PA 15963 - 814-467-0882

LAY SPEAKER

RAMER, DONNA L. - 102 Franklin Dr, Greensburg, 15601-1305-724 836-0594
SHOUT OUR FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM: Human Resources director Melony Porada initiated a program to recognize staff members who exceed expectations, and in turn make the Home a better living environment and work place. Those who attain new certifications or are nominated by other staff members or residents’ family members, receive a gift certificate to the Home Ice Cream Parlor. The first group of honorees included:

CAN Certification: Connie Ensley, Samantha Gathagan, and Becky Gibbons.

Family or Visitor Praise: Betty Ritchey, Peggy Ulery.

Staff Praise: Nancy Donati, Lynn Felski, and Georgetty Hamady.

AUXILIARY NEWS: Church key ladies will have information on the upcoming Stanley Fuller Brush Sale available in May. Janet Fisher, who is in charge of the sale, may be contacted at 814-445-7179 for further details.

The spring Shoe Collection Project will run through June 30. Shoes may be dropped off at the Activities department at the Home, Monday – Friday from 8AM – 4PM. Contact Susan Haluska at 814-361-6466 with any questions.

WINDBER HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: Members of the Windber High School Service Club, under the direction of Samantha Young, have begun to volunteer at the Home. Their first project was a fingernail salon afternoon held on April 4. The ladies enjoyed the beauty treatment, and the opportunity to get to know the volunteers. Future projects include a Memorial Day program, collecting shoes for the Auxiliary project, and an outdoor work day.
FOOD AND NUTRITION SHOW HELD: The annual Home Food and Nutrition show sponsored by Sodexo, the Home dietary service, was held on April 5. Along with displays highlighting good nutrition and hydration ideas, residents played games with food themes. A wide variety of healthy snacks were displayed, and residents filled their take home bags with apples, oranges, bananas and crackers. Staff members joined in the fun by donating canned goods or making a monetary donation for the Walnut Grove Food Pantry and touring the displays. Approximately 200 pounds of food was donated, along with $50 in cash donations.

Volunteers wore shirts that featured information on the Sodexo initiatives to end hunger. The supply of food samples featured something for everyone’s appetite.

PALLIATIVE CARE ROOM: Through a partnership with Windber Hospice, the Home has been able to achieve a long-standing goal to provide a Palliative Care Room. The room will be used to provide residents experiencing a serious medical crisis private time with their families. In addition to the necessary medical furniture, the room will include a television, couch and chairs, and a microwave for family use. A community lounge is located close by for extra family seating.

RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED: The next Home Rummage Sale will be held on July 28, 29, & 30. Donations for the sale may be made Monday – Friday from 7AM – 3PM, or call Chris Knepper at 814-361-6467 for further details.
Thursday May 12, 2016 ~6:45 p.m.

Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
106 Spring Road
Hollspopple, PA 15935

Call 814-479-7062 for information

We’ll open the evening with a time of worship!
Refreshments & fellowship will follow Luella’s Presentation!
The whole family will enjoy this evening.

Brought to you by the Sisters in Christ Women’s Ministry
Roxbury Church of the Brethren
In conjunction with

WINDBER
MEDICAL CENTER

Community Lab Blood Screening - $30.00

CBC (Hematocrit, Hemoglobin, MCV, MPV, Platelets, RBC, WBC, Differential), Albumin, Alkaline Phosphatase, Bilirubin, Direct & Total BUN, Calcium, Chloride, Cholesterol, CO2, Creatinine, Free T4, GFR, GGT, Glucose, HDL, Iron, LDH, LDL, Phosphorus, Potassium, ALT, AST, Sodium, Total Protein, Triglyceride, TSH, Uric Acid.

Additional Tests Offered: PSA - $20.00 • Hemoglobin A1C - $20.00 • Vitamin D Level - $35.00

May 14, 2016 7:00 am to 9:00 am

Roxbury Church of the Brethren
112 Sell Street, Johnstown PA 15905

Please call 814-467-3961 to schedule an appointment.

A 12 – 14 hour fast is recommended, please wear clothing that allows access to arm.

**You do not need to be a patient of a Windber Physician to participate; we welcome patients of ANY physician. No physician order is needed.**

Walk-ins Welcome!
"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD..."

Judges 5:3, NIV

You are invited to join with the Roxbury Church of the Brethren
112 Sell Street
for a Special Musical Service on Sunday Evening,
May 22, 2016 at 6 PM
Choirs and musicians from several area churches will be participating. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service in the social room.

The Offering received will benefit Camp PARC

Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be given to the Walnut Grove Food Pantry.
Roxbury Church of the Brethren Recreation Area

Are you looking for a nice level area to have a Family Reunion, Birthday Party, Graduation Party, Anniversary Party, etc??

The Roxbury Church of the Brethren Grove is located along Somerset Pike, Route 985, approximately 8 miles south of the Roxbury section of Johnstown or 9 miles north of Jennerstown.

We offer facilities which include a pavilion, full kitchen, softball field, volleyball area, horseshoe pits, inside restrooms, charcoal pits, and swings. The grounds sit beside a small stream where children at picnics often like to entertain themselves.

Each year the reservations are taken for individuals outside the Church family as of March 1st on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A complete set of guidelines may be obtained and any questions answered through the church office at (814) 536-6716.
“The Church of the Brethren should be absolutely fearless, absurdly happy, and always getting into trouble for Jesus.” Quote from Dan West…

**HERITAGE LODGE (oldest and last remaining original building at Camp) NEEDS NEW ROOF**
We are trying to preserve this building and in order to do this – a new green metal roof will be needed. The projected cost for this roof is $8000. (This does not include labor) Any donations to this project will be definitely appreciated. Hopefully we will be able to do this project when the cold winter weather is gone. *As of this printing $3,639 has been raised. Thank You.*

**STAFF CONSECRATION AND CAMPFIRE**
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
8:00 PM - Consecration and Campfire
Followed by Snack – Ice Cream Sundaes – Pretzels, Chips
Everyone is Welcome
Plan to come and support your summer staff

**FUTURE EVENTS – Call Camp for Information**
Craft and Flea Market Bazaar – April 29-30 – See flyer
Dinner and a Show (Barbershop Chorus) – See flyer
Multi Family Auction – May 14 – See flyer
Run the Plank – May 21 – See flyer

**CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR 2016**
-old dryer hose -chestnuts
-pillow stuffing -new fabric paint
-chalk board paint -stapler
-new sharpie markers -medium round pine cones
-small plastic bathroom cups -acrylic paint-basic colors (new)
-glue sticks for mini glue gun -Aleene’s & Elmers tacky glue (new)
-small flocked birds, animals & butterflies -lightweight miniature objects & toys
-masking tape -dried moss
-gutter guard -duct tape
-large google eyes -acorns & acorn caps
-winter gloves -jigsaw puzzles.
If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life.

CALL FORTH LEADERS DURING THE 93RD CALL TO CAMP – 2016
Reach out to the young people in your congregation and call them to be leaders. Encourage them to attend our LiTe (Leaders in Training Experience) which is generously being funded by the Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren.

The LiTe camp is a 4 week, hands-on, in depth leadership development program which will challenge our youth to learn leadership skills that will benefit them at home, church, school, community and future employment. Youth will step into the role of a servant-leader as they seek the characteristics of Biblical leaders; learn through study, discussion and hands-on activities; and begin to lead on their own.
(Taken from the 2016 Camp brochure) If you are in need of a brochure to register please call the Camp office.

“The Church of the Brethren should be absolutely fearless, absurdly happy, and always getting into trouble for Jesus” Quote from Dan West…..

2016 “52 GOD BLESS YOU TEAM”
As more and more families are blessed they contribute $1.00 a week or $52.00 to Camp so that the ministry can bless others. Join the 2016 team. The original premise was that if all the families in the District contributed $52, the mortgage could be eliminated. The 2016 Team has already begun and 30 families and congregations have contributed $1,700. Thank you so much for your donations……..

Keep on the look out for a used truck for Camp…..

A new Bible study called “Run for God”, will begin in February, which will connect with Camp’s Run the Plank. More information can be found at https://www.facebook.com/Run-for-God-Windber-PA-1230726390276597/ and http://www.runforgod.com/class/run-for-god-windber-pa. If you need any additional information, contact Camp.

Is any pleasure on earth as great as a circle of Christian friends by a fire? --C.S. Lewis
Second Annual
Craft & Flea Market Bazaar
Explore Local Crafters
Shop Popular Vendors
Discover Used Treasures

Friday & Saturday
April 29-30
10 am - 5 pm each day

Concessions Available
Proceeds benefit the ministry of Camp Harmony

Call to reserve a table!
$50 Craft/Vendor
$25 Flea Market

A small gift will be given to those crafters/vendors who also participate in the Sportsmans & Craft show on April 23.

www.campharmoney.org
1414 Plank Road Hooversville, PA 15936  814-798-5885  harmony@campharmoney.org
Camp Harmony
Dinner and a Show

with the
Somerset Roof Garden Chorus

May 11, 2016
Appetizers 5:30pm
Dinner 6 pm
Performance 7 pm

$15 per person

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship

Reserve your spot by May 2nd
814.798.5885
harmony@campharmony.org
Estate Auction

Includes estates of
Regina Deffenbaugh and Mary Bambling
and other consignments

May 14, 2016 9am

at

CAMP HARMONY

1414 Plank Road
Hooversville PA

Ernest & Diane Holsopple Auctioneers

Concessions benefit Camp Harmony

Contact Camp Harmony for details if you would like to be a part of this auction – 814-798-5885
Camp Harmony

Run the Plank

5K/10K Run/Walk

May 21, 2016

9:00 AM
Registration begins @ 8:00

Kid's Fun Run
Ages 5-11

See back for more info
Register online!

CampHarmony.org

814-798-5885
Greetings Racers! The thrill of the race, the pumping adrenaline, the beautiful destinations and the journey that takes you there - these are only a few of the reasons why you run. We also know how great it is when you can give back by running your race! For 8 years, Camp Harmony has held the Run the Plank 5K/10K Run/Walk to benefit the Camper Scholarship Fund and help more children have the opportunity to attend summer camp. Last year, over 50 campers were able to benefit from the Camper Scholarship Fund. We would like to see that number continue to grow and provide you with a quality racing experience! Here are the details on this year’s Run the Plank 5K/10K Run/Walk:

**Date:** Saturday, May 21, 2016  
**Registration:** 8:00 AM, Faith Hall Porch  
**Race Time:** 9:00 AM, Faith Hall Parking Lot

**Course:** This is an out-and-back course. The course turns to the right out the Camp Harmony entrance onto Plank Road. There is a climb right out of camp and slight inclines along the way out, but it is mostly downhill on the way back! Our racers have said this is one of the most challenging but beautiful courses they have done.

**Divisions:**  
- Male 11 & under, 12-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over  
- Female 11 & under, 12-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over

**Awards:** Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third place male and female runners in each race (10K Run, 5K Run, 5K Walk, and Kids Fun Run)  
Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place male and female runners in each age group listed above for each race (10K Run, 5K Run, and 5K Walk)
Thanks very much for keeping the reports coming in! The NEW Form B that comes from the Yearbook Office in Elgin and updates contact information about your congregation’s board or leadership team chair, the treasurer, a deacon contact, and a number of other contact persons will be coming to congregations and contact persons soon. Please be sure to review the material provided on Form B and make updates as they are needed. **Complete addresses and phone numbers are appreciated**, as well as email addresses, if they are available. The **Additional Officers Form** for 2016 will be sent from the District Office soon.

In addition, the **Congregational Outreach Form** for 2015/2016 has been sent from the COB Stewardship Office and was due by December 1, 2015. If you have a question, you will need to contact the Stewardship Office at 800-323-8039, ext. 361. A downloadable version of the form, as well as a new fillable version is also available at [www.brethren.org/stewardship](http://www.brethren.org/stewardship). Feel free to use that option in order to switch to paperless reporting.

The forms listed below were received in the District Office as of April 20. **ALL of these informational forms are important to both the district and the denomination.** The updated forms are sent to Elgin and they provide a copy for the District Office. If you have a question about a form, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina at 314 479-2181 or toll free 1-866-279-2181. Your prompt attention to this task will be appreciated. Thanks!

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2016 District Events and Meetings

This calendar will be updated as we receive dates from your groups, please send your important dates to the District Office ASAP to insure they will be on the District Calendar. Thank you.

EVENTS ARE CODED AS...
- District Events open for anyone in the District to attend - CAPS
- Meetings such as District Leadership Team, Camp Board, Home Trustees, and events beyond the District - small print
- Youth and Children's Activities -ITALICS & CAPS

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE...
- KEEP FOR REFERENCE WHEN SETTING LOCAL CHURCH DATES.
- Each month check this page in District HIGHLIGHTS for changes/additions.
- Keep your calendar updated.

MAY 2016
1 - NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
5 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
5 - ASCENSION DAY
5 - BHCW Auxiliary meeting, 1:00 p.m.
6-7 - Holy Spirit Conference, Camp Harmony
8 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
12 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
15 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH! (Pentecost Sunday)
15 - SVMC Sunday
16 - DWM Meeting, 1:00 pm, District Office
21 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
23 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
30 - MEMORIAL DAY
30 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

JUNE 2016
5 - Annual Conference Briefing, Windber COB, 3:00 p.m.
9 - DWM, Camp Day @ Camp Harmony
13 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
19 - HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
20 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
29 -ANNUAL CONFERENCE (begins), Greensboro, North Carolina

JULY 2016
3 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE (concludes), Greensboro, North Carolina
4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
18 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
21 - Core Leadership Team 6 p.m., - Beachley Residence (District Conference Business)
25 - SVMC Continuing Education class
25 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
29 - District Leadership Team, 6 p.m., Arbutus Church (District Conference Business)
AUGUST 2016
4 - BHCW Auxiliary meeting, 1:00 p.m.
13 - ACTS Course, D.O.
15 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
20 - DWM, Women's Tea
22 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors - Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
27 - ACTS Course, D.O.

SEPTEMBER 2016
1 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
1 - BHCW Auxiliary Key Ladies Luncheon, Noon
5 - LABOR DAY
10 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
10 - SVMC Continuing Education class
10 - ACTS Course, D.O.
17 - BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL
19 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
21 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE
26 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors - Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 2016
1 - ACTS Course, D.O.
2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
6 - DWM, Home Day, Brethren Home Community Windber
15 - District Conference, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
17 - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
22 - ACTS Course, D.O.
24 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors - Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2016
3 - BHCW Auxiliary meeting, 1:00 p.m.
6 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Turn clocks BACK one hour)
5 - ELEVENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT AUCTION, 9 a.m., Camp Harmony
10 - Core Leadership Team, 6 p.m., District Office
10 - SVMC Continuing Education class
12 - ACTS Course, D.O.
19 - District Leadership Team, 9 a.m., TBA
21 - Brethren Home Trustees Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.
24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
28 - Camp Harmony Board of Directors - Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
DECEMBER 2016
4    - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10   - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – Camp Harmony – more information to come
11   - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18   - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
19   - Brethren Home Community Trustees, 6:30 p.m.
25   - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
26   - Camp Harmony Board of Directors – Committees, 6:30 p.m.; Board 7 p.m.
31   - NEW YEAR'S EVE

PLEASE NOTE
Dates will be added or changed as needed. If your District group, team, or committee has additions or changes to this calendar, please contact the District Office as soon as possible. Your help is much appreciated!
A Craft / Therapy Room

A team of volunteers led by Bill and Rona Hemminger, arrived in February. While there, they helped to create and supply a craft / therapy room. Creating artwork is a non-threatening venue that allows kids to tackle tough issues in a creative way. Talking with them about their drawings, paintings, or little craft projects is a great way to offer that one-on-one attention that they desperately crave. It also is a way to provide the opening therapists need to get at the heart of the many problems these children face.

Hogar Enmanuel is a place where many seeds are planted. It is a place where children are fed, nourished and grow.

“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like the cedar of Lebanon.”

Psalm 92:12
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Dates: Exact dates to be determined, but around the first week of February 2017

Estimated Cost: $1350 to $1400

Current passport required!!

Applications can be obtained from Rona Hemminger@verizon.net or 540-649-3111

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CAN YOU HELP FILL OUR GROCERY CART?

This month we need a little help with the following items on our grocery list... Please donate to the “Special Fund” and specify “GROCERY CART.”

- Detergent & floor disinfectant
- Shampoo
- Bath soap
- Cleaning sponges
- Soy milk for infants
- Trash bags

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Clip and mail with your donation

$ General Fund—use where needed most
$ Child Sponsorship—providing for the basic needs of the children.
$ If you desire to be assigned to a specific child, contact Rona.
$ Staff Sponsorship—providing for the on-site care of the children.
$ Maintenance & Development—providing for the maintenance and improvement of the facilities
$ Nursery Fund—providing for infant care.
$ Gift Fund—providing for birthday/Christmas gifts
$ New Bridge Program—helping our adolescents prepare for independent living
$ Special fund ________________ (specify)
$ TOTAL ENCLOSED

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Partnering in the success, I pledge to keep the Emmanuel Children’s Home in my prayers as well as offer my financial support. Please use my donation for the following fund:

On site volunteers Stephanie Breen, BVS Jonathan Ekka, MCC

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